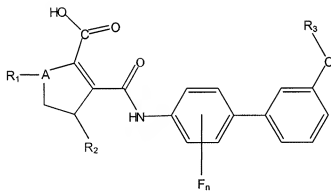


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-106 (canceled)

107. (New) A compound of formula (III)



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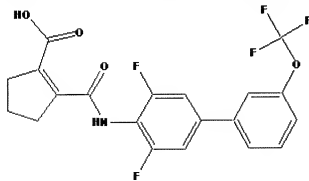
wherein

A is C or S

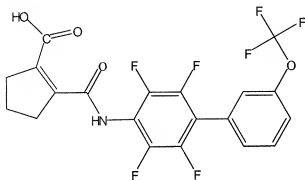
R₁ is H or OH, except when A is S R₁ is HR₂ is H or OHR₃ is CH₃ or CF₃, and

n is an integer value between 1 and 4 inclusive.

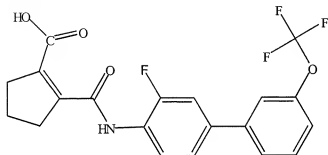
108. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



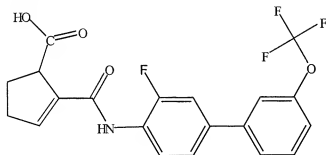
109. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



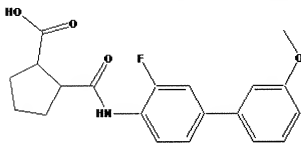
110. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



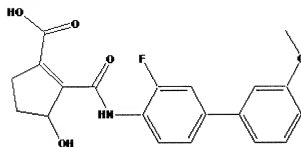
111. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



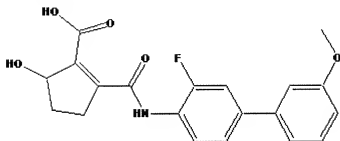
112. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



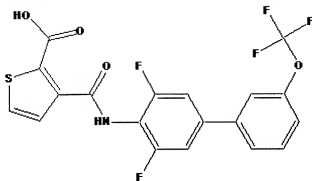
113. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



114. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



115. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:



116. (New) A compound of claim 107 comprising:

